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TAGS: PFOR, MARR, SEATO, NZ, XB

SUBJECT: SEA TOUR BY NZ MINISTER OF DEFENCE

REF: WELLINGTON 771

1. SUMMARY. REPORTING ON TRIP WHICH HE AND MINISTER DEFENCE FAULKNER COMPLETED YESTERDAY TO JAKARTA, SINGAPORE, KUALA LUMPUR, BANGKOK, MANILA, SECDEF ROBERTSON EMPHASIZED GNZ DESIRE STRENGTHEN BILATERAL DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THOSE COUNTRIES, MAINTAIN ITS ROLE IN FPDA, AND SEARCH FOR EFFECTIVE SEATO ROLE TO WHICH GNZ COULD CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE FOR SOME TIME. END SUMMARY.

2. ROBERTSON WHO ARRIVED FROM HIS TRIP APRIL 5,
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SAW ME APRIL 6 PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON VACATION TRIP TO US. SPEAKING GENERALLY HE SAID THAT MINISTER FAULKNER AND HE HAD SOUGHT TO REASSURE THE COUNTRIES THEY VISITED OF N' S DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN ITS BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THEM NOT ONLY POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY BUT ALSO FOR DEFENSE. ROBERTSON CONTINUED AS FOLLOWS:

A. INDONESIA: GOI MINISTER OF DEFENSE WISHED TO PUT FIRST EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPMENT BILATERAL MILITARY RELATIONS WITH NZ AND WOULD WELCOME NZ SHIP VISITS NOW. HE FAVORED EXCHANGE TRAINING OF GOI AND GNZ UNITS. GNZ HAD SUG CAN BE ARRANGED FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK, HOWEVER ; THERE SEEMS TO BE NO CATEGORY WHICH WOULD PERMIT CONGRESSMAN DIGGS TO ATTEND THE MAIN PART OF THE CONFERENCE. REF. (B) INDICATED THAT SINCE THE US HAD DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND, THE UN COULD NOT ACCOMMODATE THE CONGRESSMAN IN A " SEMI- OFFICIAL " CAPACITY; WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE SAME REF THAT THE " EXPERT " LIST COULD NOT BE OPENED FOR HIM AND THAT HE DID NOT , IN ANY EVENT, WISH TO ATTEND AS AN EXPERT. AND AS OF NOW, THERE IS NOT PROVISION FOR ANYONE TO HAVE " OBSERVER " STATUS, SINCE THE COMMITTEE SESSIONS ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY ARE SLATED TO BE CLOSED WORKING SESSIONS. THE FINAL MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED FOR LATER TODAY AND TOMORROW. UNLESS THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE REVERSES ITS PREVIOUS DECISIONS REGARDING PARTICIPATION AND CLOSED SESSIONS, THERE WILL BE NO WAY FOR THE CONGRESSMAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE BEYOND HAVING A PRESS CARD WHICH WOULD ADMIT HIM TO THE LIMITED CONFERENCE AREA BUT NOT TO THE COMMITTEE ROOMS.

5. IF PARTICIPATION IS OPENED UP (AND THIS WOULD OPEN A FLOOD GATE WHICH THE NORWEGIANS ARE TRYING DESPERATELY TO KEEP CLOSED FOR A LOT OF REASONS WHICH WE HAVE SUPPORTED, UP TO NOW AT LEAST), THEN WE UNDERSTAND THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY ACCREDITING THE CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. BUTCHER AS OBSERVERS. WE WILL KNOW ON THIS ONLY AT MIDDAY ON FRIDAY, ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

6. FSO HERBERT G. HAGERTY IS ASSIGNED CONTROL OFFICER.

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7. ACTION REQUESTED: A) THAT THE DEPARTMENT INFORM

CONGRESSMAN DIGGS THAT , AS ARRANGEMENTS NOW STAND, HE
WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND ONLY THE OPENING PLENARY SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE ON APRIL 9 (AND PROBABLY THE CLOSING
SESSION ON APRIL 14); B) THAT WE BE INFORMED WHETHER
MRS. BUTCHER IS ALSO AUTHORIZED DOLS 50 PER DAY IN
19 FT510 FUNDS.
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